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From the Imperial Camp near *Oberweiller*, July 9.

THE 6th *inſtant Count* Staremberg *had a very brisk Rencounter with the Enemy. He had drawn out of* Rhinfeldt *three Battalions of the Regiments of* Souches, Mansfelt *and* Portia, *and ſome Regiments of Horſe, with four pieces of Cannon, with which he encamped near the Town: Of which the Mareſchal* de Crequi *having advice, he cauſed part of his Army to march in the night, in order to the attacking the ſaid Troops, which was begun with his Dragoons; the Fight was very furious near our Intrenchments, till ſuch time, that all the Enemies Infantry falling upon us, we were forced to yield them the Field, and retire to our Bridge; the Enemy preſſed ſo furiouſly upon us, that they paſſed pell-mell with us into the Gates of the Town, but the Dragoons of* Lorrain, *and the* Imperial *Foot, having rallied, and being reinforced with ſome freſh Troops, we with great difficulty repulſed the Enemy, and ſet Fire to the Bridge behind us, the Baron* de Mercy *behaving himſelf very bravely on this occaſion. The Enemy loſt a great many men as well in the heat of the Fight, as in their Retreat; and we have an account of 73 Wagons that were ſent with wounded men to* Baſle, *among which is the Son of the Mareſchal* de Crequi. *We do not miſs above* 1000 *men; Count* Portia, *his Lieutenant Colonel, Prince* Charles *of* Baden, *and Captain* Pretin, *the Baron* de Heiſter, *Captain* Pertagnas, *and Captain* Scheez, *are killed or drowned; Major* Godelinsky, *the Governor of* Rhinfeldt, *Monſieur* Tredder, *Captain* Schellenbow, *and General* Staremberg, *are wounded; Colonel* Roche, *and Capt.* Capomerea, *are wounded and Priſoners. In the heat of the Fight on the Bridge, many of both ſides were preſſed into the* Rhine, *and others leaped into it, to ſave themſelves from being burnt, and few of the Enemy that came upon the Bridge eſcaped; we loſt two ſmall Field-pieces, and miſs four Colours. Since this Action, the Enemy hath taken* Seckingen, *which was burnt, and is now encamped near* Rhinfeldt, *and have begun to batter the place with their Cannon and Bombes. We have ſent our Baggage by the way of the mountains to* Rhinfeldt, *and to morrow we decamp, and ſhall march directly to the Enemy.*

Strasburgh, July 12. *We have this following Relation from a Perſon of Quality in the* Imperial *Army, of the Fight between the* Germans *and the* French *near* Rhinfeldt, *on the 6th of* July, 1678.

THE *French* underſtanding that the Count *de Staremberg* commanded a Body of about 6000 men, and that he was encamped with them on this ſide the *Rhine*, near the Bridge of *Rhinfeldt*, reſolved to attack them, and accordingly the 6th inſtant, the Mareſchal *de Crequi* marched with part of his Army from his Camp at *Neuburg*; the *Germans*, who thought this had been only a ſmall detached Body, reſolved to keep their Ground, and to expect them, and began to skirmiſh with the *French* Vanguard, whom they put into diſorder, and purſued till within half a League of their Camp, when they underſtood that the Mareſchal *de Crequi* was advancing with 8 or 10000 men to protect the ſaid Vanguard; whereupon the *German* Foot, which conſiſted in three or four Battalions, poſted themſelves in the Vineyards, to hinder the paſſage of the *French*, and to give leiſure for their Horſe to retire, where they did all that could be expected from them; but after two or three hours diſpute, they were attacked from behind by the *French* Dragoons, and the greateſt part of them cut in pieces, or taken Priſoners. The Mareſchal *de Crequi* having the paſſage open, cauſed his Troops to advance, with Orders to attack thoſe that were retired towards the Bridge, and having beaten them to enter pell-mell with them into the Town; but the *Germans* and *Lorrainers* defended themſelves ſo well, that after a Fight of an hour, or an hour and half on the Bridge, which they ſet Fire to, the Mareſchal *de Crequi* was obliged to withdraw his Troops. It is true that the *Germans* have loſt a great many men, and ſeveral Officers of Note, and among others, Prince *Charles* of *Baden*, Count *Portia*, and his Major, the Lieutenant Colonel of *Souches*, and the Major of *Manſfelt*, but the *French*'s loſs is rather more than leſs: and we are told that they have a great many Officers killed and wounded; and their Dragoons of the King and the Queen, were entirely defeated. The *Germans* have not loſt any Cannon or Colours, as was at firſt ſaid.

Cologne, July 19. The Mareſchal *de Schomberg* having ſent a detachment of 4000 Horſe to the Duke of *Luxemburg*, is retired towards the *Meuſe*; and the Confederate Troops, who together make 15 or 16000 men, follow him.

Bruſſels, July 19. Yeſterday we received Letters from *Germany*, which gave us an account of the Action that paſſed the 6th inſtant between the *French* and the *Germans* near *Rhinfeldt*; that the *Imperialiſts*, being overpowred, after a ſharp diſpute, were forced to retire towards the Bridge, which they paſſed, but the Enemy preſſed ſo hard upon them, that they would certainly have entred the Town with them, had not the Baron *de Mercy* with great bravery defended the Bridge, till he had ſet fire to it, by which means moſt of thoſe that were then upon the Bridge, were forced to ſave themſelves from the flames, by leaping into the water, where many as well *French* as *Germans*, were drowned, and of the latter, Prince *Charles* of *Baden*. The *Imperialiſts* loſt 2 or 3 ſmall Field pieces, and 3 or 4 Colors; and it is reckoned that there were near 2000 men killed on both ſides, and between 3 or 400 were taken Priſoners by the *French*. Immediately after this Engagement, the Mareſchal *de Crequi* ſent a detachment under the Command of the Marquis *de Choiſeul*, to take *Seckingen*, one of the *Foreſt Towns*, which they did, and put a Gariſon in it, but the place, by accident, was burnt. The Letters add, that the Mareſchal *de Crequi* had poſted himſelf with his whole Army near *Rhinfeldt*, in order to the attacking it; that Count *Staremberg*, and the Baron *de Mercy*, were in the place with two or three thouſand men; and that the Duke of *Lorrain* was marching with his whole Army to relieve it. This day we have Letters from *Lille* and *Gaunt*, which tell us of a ſecond Action between a Body of *French* and *Germans*, and that the former were worſted, and ſuſtained great loſs. The Mareſchal *de Schomberg* has repaſſed the *Meuſe* below *Maeſtricht*, and was encamped the 16th inſtant at *Reckem*, intending, as is ſaid, to take his march towards *Mons*. The Duke *de Villa Hermoſa* has Letters from Monſieur *Chauvet*, giving his Excellency an account, that the Confederate